



MINUTES

**BRYAN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
WORKSHOP MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2009
AT 5:00 P.M.
ROOM 305, BRYAN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
300 SOUTH TEXAS AVENUE, BRYAN, TEXAS**

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1. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairperson Clark called the workshop meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Commission members present: Mr. Michael Beckendorf, Mr. Johnny Bond, Ms. Helen Chavarria, Mr. John Clark, Mr. Ralph Davila, Mr. G.H. Jones, Mr. Don Maxwell, and Mr. Michael Parks.

Commission members absent: Mr. Robert Horton.

Staff members present: Mr. Kevin Russell, Director of Development Services; Ms. Lindsey Guindi, Assistant Director of Development Services; Mr. Martin Zimmermann, Planning Administrator; Ms. Julie Fulgham, Project Planner; Mr. Randy Haynes, Staff Planner; Mr. Chris Mushinski, Development Coordinator; Mr. Lee Veness, Assistant City Attorney; and Ms. Kelli Hill, Planning Intern.

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF ON 2009 PLAN OF WORK.

Mr. Zimmermann gave a brief overview of the subcommittees and projects that existed during the previous year, and advised the Commission to continue with those subcommittees and address other issues as they present themselves.

Chairperson Clark expressed his interest in an economic incentive program for facades in Bryan, and after discussion between staff and the Commission, Mr. Russell stated that staff will look at the issue and bring it back before the Commission at a future meeting.

3. DISCUSSION ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

Mr. Mushinski gave a presentation about ongoing development projects in Bryan. Projects discussed included:

- The Artisan
- Bryan Towne Center
- Boonville Town Center
- Chase Bank at Colony Park Center
- Bryan Medical Building
- Tejas Center
- The Cabana of Bryan
- Bryan Industrial Park
- Brazos County Industrial Park
- Highway 21 Developments

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2009.

Agenda items were reviewed. No action was taken.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

Mr. Zimmermann stated that the Commission will be amending the bylaws at the next meeting.

Ms. Guindi distributed a Southwest Bryan Highest and Best Use Study to the Commission. She asked the Commission to look at the plan and make a recommendation to the City Council at the next meeting.

Chairperson Clark brought up the idea of celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Zoning in Bryan. Ms. Guindi stated that plans were being made for both a city-wide celebration and a smaller celebration among staff, citizens, and consultants who have been a part of the zoning process in the past 20 years.

6. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Ms. Guindi stated that the televising of the Planning and Zoning Commission meetings is being suspended until further notice due to budget restraints.

7. ADJOURN.

Without objection, Chairperson Clark adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

These minutes were reviewed and approved by the City of Bryan Planning & Zoning Commission on the 5th day of **February, 2009.**

Martin Zimmermann, Planning Administrator
and Secretary to the Planning and Zoning
Commission

John R. Clark, Chairperson
Planning and Zoning Commission
City of Bryan, Texas